(ग) क्या इस प्रकार के व्यापार से भारतीय उद्योग को प्रोत्साहन मिला है तथा लाभ हुआ है ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार की इस प्रकार का व्यापार और अधिक विदेशी सरकारों के साथ आरम्भ करने की कोई योजना है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री दिनेश सिंह) : (क) से (घ) किसी भी देश के साथ वस्तु-विनिमय द्वारा व्यापार नहीं किया जाता है। तथापि, रुपया व्यापार प्रणाली के अंतर्गत सोवियत संघ, पोलैण्ड, चेकोस्लोवाकिया, रोमानिया और जर्मन जनवादी गणराज्य जैसे देशों को आयात के लिए अपरिवर्तनीय रुपए में भुगतान किये जाते हैं। इन निधियों का उपयोग भारत से वस्तुओं के निर्यात के लिए किया जाता है।

पूर्वी एशिया, पश्चिमी यूरोप, सं. रा. अमरीका आदि की अनेक कंपनियों के साथ भारतीय सरकारी क्षेत्र के संगठनों द्वारा कई प्रति-व्यापार सौदों पर भी हस्ताक्षर किए गए हैं। इन सौदों के अंतर्गत, निर्यात वस्तुएं आयात से जुड़ी हैं।

विदेशों के साथ वस्तु-विनिमय द्वारा व्यापार आरम्भ करने की सरकार की कोई योजना नहीं है।

Training, Research and Development Organisations

3806. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the Training, Research and Development Organisations under the control of the Ministry and the details thereof; and

(b) what has been their output since last two years, with the details in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) and (b) The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade is a specialist organisation under the Commerce Ministry which is engaged in the following activities :

(i) Training of personnel in modern techniques of international trade;

(ii) Organisation of Research in problems of foreign trade ;

(iii) Organisation of marketing research, area surveys, commodity surveys and market surveys; and

(iv) Dissemination of information arising from its activities relating to research and market studies.

The Indian Institute of Packaging is a specialist institution under the Commerce Ministry which has been established to undertake research on raw material for the packaging industry and to organise training programmes on packaging technology.

The Annual Reports of these two organisations for the years 1985-86 and 1986-87 have already been placed on the Table of the House and set out the details of their activities and achievements.

The Export Promotion Organisations under the Ministry of Commerce, such as Commodity Boards, Export Promotion Councils, Authorities and other agencies also take up market studies, product development work, research and training activities within their overall promotional functions.

Pay scale of NGO's and teachers in Tamil Nadu

3807. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the Eighth Finance Commission Report, the

Tamil Nadu NGO's and Teachers are getting minimum of scale of pay :

(b) what are the States in which the scales of pay equate with the Central Government ;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce any idea to have national scales of pay ; and

(d) if not, what are the difficulties in introducing it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) No specific mention has been made by the Eighth Finance Commission in regard to pay scales of NGO's and Teachers in Tamil Nadu.

(b) No such information is maintained in Central Government because the matter falls under the State List.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Being a State subject, each State decides scales of its employee keeping in view its own financial resources and priorities.

Purchase of flat in Switzerland by Shri Ajitabh Bachchan

3808. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how did Shri Ajitabh Bachchan acquire the foreign exchange to the tune of about Rs. 80 lakhs for purchasing a flat in Montreaux (Switzerland) on April 3, 1986 ;

(b) how did he draw foreign exchange for travelling etc. as a resident Indian upto June 1986 and how much ;

(c) upto what date he was on the Board of some Indian companies and also the names and addresses of the companies ;

(d) from which date he became a Non-Resident Indian; and

(e) what is his present status and also the stage of the inquiry of FERA violations and other cases against him ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (e) Section 2(q) of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973 defines a person resident outside India as a person who is not a resident in India. In terms of Section 2(p) of FERA, 73, a person resident in India means a citizen of India who has been staying in India but does not include a citizen who has gone out or stays out of India for or on taking up employment outside.

In the adjudication proceedings pursuant to the issue of two Show Cause Notices by the Enforcement Directorate to Shri Ajitabh Bachchan for alleged contravention of the provisions of FERA, the adjudicating authority has held that in terms of Section 2(p) read with Section 2(q) of FERA, Shri Ajitabh Bachchan has been a person resident outside India w.e.f. 28th February, 1986 and that the flat at Montreaux (Switzerland) was purchased and fully paid for as a part of overall business arrangement between Shri Ajitabh Bachchan's employer Arcopharma and himself. The proceeding under FERA have been dropped by the adjudicating authority as the charges for alleged contravention of FERA have not been established against Shri Ajitabh Bachchan.

Shri Ajitabh Bachchan was on the Board of IPCA Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Lotus Investment Pvt. Ltd., Abhim Investment Pvt. Ltd., Almoula Investments Pvt. Ltd. and Palash Investments Pvt. Ltd. upto 1st July, 1987.

Foreign Exchange, to wit, US dollars 1220 was drawn by IPCA Ltd. against its